

Meaning swift and valued runner, the *Kukini* in ancient times took news from one Hawaiian leader to another.



Photo by Angela Elbern

Temporary-tattooed youth

Tech. Sgt. Wilhemina Cromartie, 15th Mission Support Squadron, enthusiastically tattoos Devan Higgs, 3, with a temporary tattoo, while Airman Jill Pass, 324th Intelligence Squadron, tattoos Sean Pruitt, 2, with mom Wendy during the Keiki Fair Nov. 10. For more about the Keiki Fair, see Page 20.

Hickam officers selected for intern program

By Tech. Sgt. Andrew Leonhard
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The Air Force Intern Program Central Selection Board selected two Hickam captains from among 487 candidates nominated by senior raters from across the Air Force. The board was held from Sept. 20-24 at the Air Force Personnel Center.

Captains David Lowery, 15th Airlift Wing executive officer, and Michael Marsicek, 502nd Air Operations Group executive officer, were two of the six captains from within Pacific Air Forces to be chosen for the opportunity to participate in the 18- to 24-month program designed to develop tomorrow's leaders. Thirty-two captains throughout the Air Force were selected for the program designed to increase their understanding of air and space power and to broaden their perspectives through person-

al observation of senior DOD leaders making strategy and policy decisions.

The program combines hands-on experience as an intern in the offices of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Secretary of Defense and/or the Air Staff as well as an opportunity to earn an Air Force funded Master's degree in Organizational Leadership from George Washington University.

Both captains said it was an honor and privilege to be selected and each hoped to gain from the experience.

"I hope to continue to learn more about what it takes to be a leader in our Air Force today," said Captain Marsicek. "This program will allow me to see our leaders making decisions at all levels. It will also allow me to see how air and space power/policy is developed and applied."

"Ultimately, it will make me a more knowledgeable, successful support officer and Air Force leader," said

Captain Lowery. "Force interns get the rare opportunity to enhance their professional growth by observing senior leaders in action carrying out core Headquarters Air Force and Department of Defense processes."

"AFIP is an outstanding opportunity for young officers to continue their professional development and gain rare insight into senior leader decision making," said Col. Jennifer Hesterman, chief of AFPC's Assignment Programs and Procedures Division. "It prepares some of our best young officers for future key leadership positions."

The two captains will report to their new assignment August 2005 and incur a three-year active-duty service commitment upon completion of the program.

A complete list of the primary and alternate selectees can be seen on the Officer Professional Developmental Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/pme/.

Wingman Day closures

The following squadrons and offices are closed today:

- 15th Mission Support Squadron
- 15th Comptroller Squadron
- 15th Airlift Wing Legal office
- 15th Services Squadron Human Resource office
- 15th Security Forces Squadron Pass and Registration office

The following offices have special hours of operation today:

- 15th Medical Group closes at 10:30 a.m.

- The fitness center is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- The community center is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- TMO Passenger Travel and Household Goods is open from 9:45 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information on closures and phone numbers for emergency contacts, see Channel 2.



Leaders send holiday message

WASHINGTON (AFP) – The following is a Thanksgiving message from Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper:

"Each year, Americans set aside the special day of 'Thanksgiving' to gather with family and friends to count their blessings. At the first Thanksgiving festivals in the Virginia and Massachusetts colonies, the original settlers made praise and prayer for a bountiful harvest and hope for a promising future the centerpiece of their celebrations.

"This Thanksgiving, we are reminded of the blessings we have as Americans because our nation still holds the promise of bountiful lands and the right of freedom. We enjoy peace and prosperity like no other nation. The rest of the world admires our way of life because America's values are bedrock.

"For Airmen, we count an extra blessing around the Thanksgiving

table this year: the privilege of serving in the greatest air and space force in the world.

By your professionalism, dedication and willingness to answer our country's call at a time of war, you stand as the shining example of strength, courage, and patriotism for us all. Indeed, as Americans give thanks for their many blessings this Thanksgiving Day, they'll offer their gratitude to you for safeguarding our great nation.

"This Thanksgiving Day finds many of our Airmen deployed throughout the world in defense of America and to help give others a chance for freedom. Please remember them in your prayers and make sure their families are taken care of on this special holiday.

"We're very proud of you and your families for what you do to protect our cherished freedoms. Happy Thanksgiving!" (Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

Giving thanks to you – our Air Force family

By Gen. Paul V. Hester
Pacific Air Forces commander

At this time of year, as I reflect on all that has transpired in our ever-changing world, our nation, and in this command, I am thankful for the dedicated men and women of PACAF – active duty, Guard, Reserve and DoD civilians – your service and commitment are the bedrock of our country's strength and stability now and for years to come.

I am thankful for the leadership of commanders in the field – you are leading those outstanding men and women in executing the mission in a magnificent way.

But most importantly, I am thankful to our Air Force families – our spouses, our children, our parents and our neighbors. In



Gen. Hester

these difficult and trying times, it is their understanding heart and persevering spirit that keep us going.

We are Air Force families leading Air Force families. This Thanksgiving, I ask you to invite a single Airman, or a family whose loved one is deployed to join your family or set an extra place at your table in honor of the over 2,700 PACAF Airmen deployed around the world.

May God guide and guard this command, and protect our loved ones who are in harm's way. Lynda and I wish you a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

Action Lines

The purpose of the Action Line is in its name – it's your direct link to me so we can work as a team to make Hickam a better community. It also allows you to recognize individuals who go "above and beyond" in their duties – and we all know there are plenty of those folks here. All members of Team Hickam are welcome to use the Action Line, however, I urge you to give the normal chain of command the first crack at resolving problems or issues. It's only fair to give our commanders and managers the first opportunity to work issues under their responsibility.

If you have done this and are still not satisfied, give my commander's Action Line a call. If you want me to get back to you, leave your name and number, state your issue, tell me who you have talked to and why you were not satisfied with their response. I'll work your issue and respond verbally or in writing. The Action Line number is 449-2996. Messages may also be sent by e-mail to 15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil.



Col. Ray Torres
15th Airlift Wing commander

Airman learns unlikely lessons

Commentary by Airman Frank Snider
4th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

SEYMOUR JOHNSON AIR FORCE BASE, N.C. (AFP) – The 6-inch shirt. The hospital corners on the beds. Folding your underwear.

Nearly everyone looks back at basic military training and remembers what I'm talking about. Many, however, miss the fact those things they made us do teach a lesson, especially the 6-inch shirt; one just has to realize it.

My name used to be just Frank Snider. Now I am Airman Snider. I became part of the Air Force Feb. 10.

Basic training! I was out in front of my military training instructor, often as a water monitor, so he knew my name well. Fortunately for me, the days moved quickly and time flew by.

I graduated and moved on to Fort George G. Meade, Md. for technical training.

School lasted three months, and during that entire time I was learning about the Air Force, about journalism and about what my role would be in the years to come.

Then came another graduation and another base.

During the past two months here, I've been reflecting on the last few months of my life. Reflecting back to that 6-inch shirt.

In basic training we all thought, "This is the stupidest thing in the world. Why are we doing this?"

However, when I arrived here, I began to understand some of the reasons the instructors were so tough on that perfectly folded 6-inch shirt. They were preparing us to work with precision.

Even though I don't work directly with aircraft, in my job as a public affairs specialist, a bad flash or aperture adjustment on my camera or even a misplaced letter in a news release I'm typing can mean much more work for me or cause embarrassment and cost the Air Force some credibility.

Another example comes from a friend of mine who maintains survival equipment, mainly parachutes. He brought something up to me the other day that really relates.

He told me if he was sewing together a parachute and used the wrong type of thread or missed a stitch, a pilot could die.

It just goes to show that some of the strangest things that people are told to do can have a hidden lesson, just like those six-inch shirts.

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Hickam Family Support Center
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Life Skills Support Center
449-0175

Law Enforcement Desk
449-6373

Base Chaplain
449-1754

Military Family Abuse Shelter
533-7125



Photo by Mike Dey

Andrew Howk lobbs the ball down the field to score as he participates in the Special Olympics Bocce Tournament held at Hickam last year.

Athletes converge on Hickam

More than 700 olympians to participate Dec. 3-5

By Tech. Sgt. Andrew Leonhard
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

It's more than the gold and the silver – it's about smiles and self satisfaction for athletes.

Team Hickam, Kaneohe Marine Corps Base and the Ice Palace will host the 2004 Hawaii Special Olympics Holiday Classic Dec. 3 to 5. More than 700 athletes and their families and friends will gather in this statewide event.

They will come from Oahu, Kauai, Maui, Molokai and the Big Island to compete for hundreds of medals and ribbons. More than 20 basketball teams and hundreds of bowlers, skaters and Bocce players train and compete from September through November to qualify for this event.

The games begin Dec. 3 with opening rounds of basketball and bowling held at the Kaneohe MCBH

and Hickam facilities. Then at 7:15 p.m., the athletes, families, volunteers and any Hickam member wishing to view will come together for opening ceremonies at Hangar 7.

"This event is a chance to support and celebrate a special group of athletes – they deserve all the support possible," said Capt. Joshua Biggers, Hickam Special Olympics project officer. "From what I'm seeing, Hickam has truly responded." Captain Biggers has been helping with Special Olympics since 1996 while stationed in California.

He said volunteers and on-lookers should, "encourage the athletes and have fun."

In the 2003 games athletes and coaches from more than 65 delegations throughout Hawaii competed in the three-day event. Each with one thought, "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."



Photo by Mysti Bicoy

Kimberly Stevenson assists Kathy Kahele during last year's Special Olympics bowling event.

Crime Prevention: *How to handle resident burglaries*

By Tech. Sgt. Ricardo Prater
15th Security Forces Squadron

Residential burglaries are the most traumatic incidents that happen to home owners. The burglary is stressful not only because of the property loss, but also because of the psychological trauma a person experiences when the privacy of a home is violated.

Lost property is replaced but the trauma will last a lifetime. The FBI Uniform Crime Report states residential burglary happens every 10 seconds.

These numbers are significantly lower on military installations due to the fact we have security forces personnel posted at entry/exit points. Military working dog teams and walking patrols

are also other forms of effective deterrents proven to reduce crime.

The 15th Security Forces Squadron urges all Hickam housing residents to follow these following steps to reduce their chances of becoming a victim of a residential burglary:

1. Have neighbors watch your house when you are away for long periods of time. (i.e. have someone pick up your mail, turn on/off interior/exterior lights, or leave the radio or television playing inside the home)

2. Report suspicious activity to the security forces immediately at 449-1680.

3. Have someone cut your grass, remove flyers/newspapers from the door, or park their car in your driveway.

4. If you own very valuable items, have someone housesit in your absence.

5. Secure bikes and other equipment in your storage shed if possible.

6. Simply locking doors and windows will reduce crime significantly.

7. Never enter your quarters if there are signs of burglary. Instead, contact security forces from a cell phone or a neighbor's home.

Remember these crime prevention measures to help reduce your chances of becoming a burglar's next victim.

The 15th SFS stands ready to assist anyone looking for low cost crime prevention options. Contact the Resource Protection Manager at 449-6714.



Courtesy photo

Santa sighting

Santa was recently sighted at the Hickam Air Mobility Squadron terminal catching a flight during his last minute trip to make sure his naughty and nice list was accurate. Children can send letters to Santa at 354th OSS/OSW, 2827 Flightline Ave. Suite 100B, Eilson AFB, AK 99702-1520. Letters need to reach Santa by mid-December to ensure a reply before Christmas. Children whose letters arrive too late will get a special "after Christmas" letter from Santa.

Financial services continue improving, transforming

By Lt. Col. Gary Nanfito
15th Comptroller Squadron commander

I have heard several comments in the past regarding the fielding of financial systems and the impact those systems have on the member or at the unit level. The main comment (or complaint in many cases) is that non-financial services personnel are consistently taking on more finance-related workload as a result of these systems.

During the last few years, several new tools have been created including the Defense Travel System – Limited, LeaveWeb and myPay.

These systems were designed to ultimately save manpower by streamlining processes that were previously accomplished manually.

The new financial systems have offered more efficient ways of doing business, but they do require some learning and getting used to.

Personally, I'd rather process a leave slip in the web-based LeaveWeb as opposed to the old way. Before, I had to find a form, locate a typewriter, type the form, and then obtain approval. That process could take days; whereas, a LeaveWeb request takes a few minutes.

Does LeaveWeb work? You bet! Does it save time? I truly believe it does, he concludes.

Recent upgrades to the myPay system allow members to start, stop and change allotments online and give access to 12 months of leave and earnings statements.

One system that has received its share of criticism is DTS-L.

Although the Department of Defense has put the responsibility on the member and supervisor to properly execute travel dollars, one doesn't need to be an expert in the Joint Federal Travel Regulations or fiscal law. After you use it a few times, I believe you will find it is a system with merit.

Michael Montelongo, Assistant Secretary of the

Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller, has led the development and communication of a vision for the Air Force Financial Manager community. His vision calls for a well-trained, highly educated and respected civilian and military workforce who will employ efficient processes that are enabled by technology. His team of experts is working hard to develop a plan that leverages technology to make our systems more user-friendly and reliable.

The buzzword throughout the DOD today is transformation. In addition to the financial management community transforming, Personnel and numbered air forces are also considering shifts to centralized service support.

So what is the future of pay service? To determine the future of pay services, Mr. Montelongo's team of experts is asking such questions as what services will be delivered, where, when, how, and by whom? In the not too distant future, members may be required to call a central location to resolve a routine pay question as opposed to a trip to their local finance office.

"But why?" you ask.

A good analogy to this model is how many people do business with a large civilian corporation, such as USAA or Fidelity Investments? How many people have ever visited the headquarters or a local branch to conduct a transaction? Most likely people have called a toll-free number for assistance or requested assistance via the internet or email. I actually do business with both companies, and I have always received prompt and courteous service.

As DOD refines fielded financial systems and fields new systems, we can expect more customer interaction with computer-based applications and less face-to-face customer service. It is the wave of the future. While it may be frustrating to customers initially, I believe in the future we will look back and wonder how we ever did it.

Force shaping opportunities expand in 2005

By Tech. Sgt. David Jablonski
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – Air Force personnel officials encourage more Airmen to seek opportunities to exit the service under an expanded force-shaping program in fiscal 2005.

Planners have opened more career fields for force-shaping eligibility by dropping from a 100-percent sustainment level to 95 percent. This increases the eligibility pools by about 30 percent for enlisted Airmen and 50 percent for officers. The force-shaping initiatives include two phases encompassing fiscal 2004 and 2005 to move the Air Force closer to its authorized end strength of 359,700.

Initially, the force-shaping goal targeted 3,900 officers and 13,700 enlisted for separation. Because of record retention rates, that total of 16,000 is expected to increase to almost 24,000 by Sept. 30.

"We wanted to open up the aperture to get on the proper glide slope to reach our end-strength goal by the end of 2005," said Col. Mike Hayden, the Air Force chief of military personnel policy.

"In order to do that and minimize impact on accessions, we wanted to provide more opportunities to those people wanting to leave (the Air Force) right now," he said.

"By lowering the force sustainment level to 95 percent, we are able to review previously disapproved applications," Colonel Hayden said. "We had quite a few people interested in departing, and yet we were holding sustainment at 100 percent. This change will allow more career fields to play. Additionally, we will continue to assess our glide path and evaluate needed adjustments to accessions. We'll do that throughout the year."

About 1,000 Airmen who initially applied and were disapproved will be reviewed again and contacted to see if they are still interested. Offers to those and newer applicants are being extended on a first-come, first-served basis.

"In the past when we've posted the force-shaping matrix online, some people looked at it and said 'I don't even have an opportunity here,'" said Maj. John Silverman, the Air Force chief of separation and retirement policy.

"This will now give more people an opportunity to apply and be approved," he said. "We know that, initially, we open the door for approximately 1,000 Airmen (who) were previously disapproved."

Personnel officials said they hope active-duty Airmen will remain part of the total force by choosing separation options such as Palace Chase, Operation Blue to Green or transitioning to civil service.

The latest force-shaping opportunities are now available on the Air Force Personnel Center Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/retsep/shape2.htm.

New policy prohibits motorized scooters

By Jim Hammonds
15th Airlift Wing Ground Safety chief

A new policy was announced Nov. 10, signed by Col. Ray Torres, 15th Airlift Wing commander, that bans the “Razor”-type motorized scooters on all property under the control of the 15th AW. Assistive mobility devices for the physically challenged or disabled and for elderly persons may still be used.

“We don’t need to wait until we have a serious mishap before we recognize these motorized scooters as a hazard,” said Lt. Col. Jeff Spear, 15th AW chief of safety. “When the motorized scooters

are ridden on the sidewalks, they are a hazard to pedestrians and bicyclists. When they are driven on the streets or in parking lots they are a hazard to motorists. Wherever they are operated, they present a serious risk to the user due to their extremely high center of gravity, small wheels, low, narrow profile, and a total lack of standard safety equipment required by other motorized vehicles.”

Last year, the City and County of Honolulu banned the use of the gasoline-powered motorized scooters due to the large amount of noise they produce, and a majority of military installations

across the Pacific prohibited or significantly restricted their use.

Substantial evidence from the Consumer Product Safety Commission demonstrates these motorized scooters are very injurious. The scooters are not equipped with any of the common equipment required of all motor vehicles such as head and tail lights, turn signals, adequate brakes, or anything else. They typically have a very narrow platform on which to stand, a motor or engine, and a very simple rear friction brake.

Some types of vehicles are specifically exempted from this restriction.

Powered assistive mobility devices for the handicapped, challenged or elderly, and which travel at less than 10 MPH will continue to be allowed.

Similarly, tactical “people mover” type vehicles (such as the Segway transporters used by the 15th CES Explosives Ordnance Disposal section) are not affected by the ban.

The policy letter is an interim measure. The 15th Security Forces Squadron will incorporate these restrictions into the next revision of 15 ABWI 31-204, Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision. For more information, call 449-0789 or 449-2200.

New holiday lighting policy implemented

A new holiday and decorative lighting policy came out recently.

“I am encouraged by the enthusiasm our housing residents display by decorating their homes with exterior lights and electrified displays,” said Col. Ray Torres, 15th Airlift Wing commander in the policy letter.

Although the decorations are appreciated, displays are only allowed to be operated from 6 to 10 p.m. beginning Thanksgiving Day through Jan. 1 to help keep with Hickam’s energy reduction goal. Two exceptions to this policy are Christmas Eve and Day and New Years Eve and Day when this lighting

restriction will not apply.

For the remainder of the year, exterior holiday lights and electrified displays are limited to the week immediately leading up to the holiday with the same operation times of 6 to 10 p.m.

For more information, contact Dave Stiner at 448-2693.

Military airlift moves into the modern age

By Steve Diamond
15th Airlift Wing History office

Editor’s note: This is the final story in a Hickam aircraft history series.

While the first U.S. Air Force jet fighter, the F-80, joined combat in Korea in 1950, Air Force airlifters had to wait another fourteen years before the first jet military transport, the C-141, entered military service. With the arrival of aircraft like the C/KC-135 Stratotanker, the C-141 Starlifter, the C-5 Galaxy and the C-17 Globemaster III, military airlift entered the modern turbojet era.

Although the Air Force used the C-135 for a time for airlift, it was the KC-135 tanker version of the Boeing turbojet that has become an enduring Air

Force asset. It is the only jet airplane designed specifically for aerial refueling. Beginning with the first delivery of a KC-135A in June 1957, Stratotankers replaced the propeller-powered KC-97 tankers which could no longer keep up with jet fighters and bombers. KC-135s began appearing on Hickam’s flightline in the 1960s and have been stationed here ever since. In the 1970s, the 15th Air Base Wing flew specially modified EC-135s as airborne command and control post systems for the Commander of Pacific Command. Since 1992, the 65th Airlift Squadron has carried on the mission supporting the Commander, USPACOM and Commander, PACAF, flying C-135s until 2003, then converting to the current C-37 and C-40 business jets. KC-135Rs continue to call Hickam home, as the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron of the Hawaii ANG flies Stratotankers in support of Pacific theater operations. Some 149 KC-135s initially deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom, flying more than 6,100 tanker



Courtesy photos

KC-135s and other aircraft crowd the Hickam flightline during the early Vietnam War years.

missions along with KC-10s in the early months of the war.

With the advent of the of age of C-17 Globemaster IIIs due to arrive in early 2006, Hickam will continue its long legacy as the Pacific mobility hub, home to airlifters old and new.



Hickam's airlift future as Pacific mobility hub, home to C-17s.



65th Airlift Squadorn DV aircraft past and present: C-37, C-135, and C-40.

Postal users are reminded about military mailing rules

By Senior Airman
Sarah Kinsman
Kukini Editor

The Department of Defense continues to indefinitely suspend the ‘any servicemember’ mail program.

The DOD “urges the general public not to send unsolicited mail, care packages or donations to military people during the holiday season,” according to the Air Force Aim Points. “Americans who don’t have family members deployed overseas can use other means to show support during the holidays.”

For those with family members deployed, there are some things to consider.

“Each country has customs regulations that apply to incoming mail,” said Walter Yamamoto, U.S. Postal Service.

To see restrictions for all APO/FPO zip codes, visit <http://www.usps.com/cpim/ftp>

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“The DOD has requested that those who send mail use the servicemember’s full name or specific title. Also required is the unit designation, the APO/FPO address with the nine-digit ZIP code and return address,” said Mr. Yamamoto. “For packages, mailers are asked to print on one side only with the recipient’s address in the lower right portion. Don’t include the country or the base camp’s city, as it might be routed through the host country’s mail system.”

Something else mailers should consider is dates to mail holiday packages. With the mass amount of packages being mailed during the holiday season, people should make sure their packages are sent out by a certain date.

See box for suggested holiday mailing dates for mainland, military and international destinations.

Holiday suggested mailing dates

Domestic mail	First class	Priority	Express
Continental U.S.	Dec. 17	Dec. 16	Dec. 20
Guam, Saipan, Rota, Tinian	Dec. 17	Dec. 10	Dec. 20
American Samoa	Dec. 17	Dec. 10	Dec. 20
Hawaii	Dec. 20	Dec. 20	Dec. 22
Military mail	First class	Priority	Parcel airlift
APO/FPO AE ZIPs 090-099	Dec. 8	Dec. 8	Dec. 1
APO/FPO AE ZIPs 340	Dec. 8	Dec. 8	Dec. 1
APO/FPO AA ZIPs 962-966	Dec. 8	Dec. 8	Dec. 1
International mail	Air letters/cards	Air Parcel	Global Express
Africa	Dec. 3	Dec. 3	Dec. 15
Asia/Pacific Rim	Dec. 10	Dec. 10	Dec. 17
Australia/New Zealand	Dec. 10	Dec. 10	Dec. 17
Canada	Dec. 10	Dec. 10	Dec. 17
Caribbean	Dec. 10	Dec. 13	Dec. 15
Central/South America	Dec. 3	Dec. 3	Dec. 15
Mexico	Dec. 10	Dec. 10	Dec. 15
Europe	Dec. 10	Dec. 10	Dec. 15
Middle East	Dec. 10	Dec. 10	Dec. 15

Note: These dates are suggested mailing dates and not deadlines.

Holiday shopping tips – shop merrily

By Gary Hasegawa
Family Support Center

The holiday season is once again here and soon enough, people will be celebrating Thanksgiving. Before they know it, Christmas will be here and the new year begins.

Shopping centers are vigorously preparing for the number one shopping day of the season, the day after Thanksgiving. Newspapers will have more advertisements promoting extravagant discounts and sales to reach all types of shoppers.

Well-prepared shoppers who have been planning and saving all year long will eagerly await for the stores to open their doors. Those who have put-off building on their holiday funds will be confronted with the challenge of dollar-stretching to buy presents for family and friends. Regardless of the type of shopper you are, proactive or procrastinator, the following tips can

provide a framework for a joyful holiday experience:

1. Manage Budget and Credit – Create a budget and gift list – Review bank statements, bills, etc. and compute your assets and liabilities to determine your surplus. Estimate how much you can afford and what you're willing to spend. If using credit, calculate how long it will take to repay the debt. Make a list of friends and family you'll buy presents for and specify the type and cost of the gift. TRACK your spending as each item is purchased and keep the receipts.

2. Save Now! – Everyday is a good time to set aside spending money for the holidays. Add on to what you already have or better yet, start on next year's holiday funds. Review your budget for areas where you could make some adjustments. For example, if you're eating out twice a day, consider buying groceries and preparing meals. You

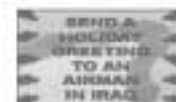
can reduce dining out to once a day or even once a week, depending on your commitment to save.

3. Shop Smartly – Successful bargain hunting relies heavily on researching and comparing prices. Look out for end-of-season clearance and year-end sales. Stores sell late-model electronics, overstock and demo items at discount prices to move inventory. Check out swap meets, flea markets, outlet stores, bargain boutiques, garage sales, thrift shops, vintage and second-hand stores for one-of-a-kind finds. Shopping on the internet and online auctions are good alternatives. Look for consumer awareness links, like the Better Business Bureau Reliability Program symbol.

Shop merrily and wisely ... don't let the holiday expenses put a hole in your pocket. May you have a great financial head start for the new year and a truly prosperous one!

*Loved ones
deployed
to Iraq
this holiday
season?*

*Send a holiday
greeting through
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greetings! Go to
www.afnews.af.mil/iraq/
and select this
button:*





Deployed families

Mercedes Bishop, 2, and her cousin, Malanie Goodrich, were just two of the more than 30 family members who participated in the deployed/remote tour families' kids workshop Tuesday at the community center. Children did craft work while parents mingled. The event offered families with members deployed or on remote tours an opportunity to build a support network among themselves. The next activity for deployed/remote tour families is scheduled for Dec. 7 at 5 p.m. in the Hale Aina Dining Facility. For more information, contact the Hickam Family Support Center at 449-0300.

Photo by Capt. Paul Good



News Notes

Fall fun and craft fair – The Radford High School student council is sponsoring the 10th Annual Fall Fun and Craft Fair Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the high school. Vendors booths are available for \$40. To reserve a booth or for more information, contact Cliff Fukuda at 421-4218 ext. 278 or email him at mrloha@poi.net.

Beautification Day – The Hickam Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization is sponsoring a beautification work day Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers are needed for painting, cleaning and gardening. To volunteer or for more information, contact Andrea Gindhart at 423-0040.

Kuntz Gate open – All motorists with access to Hickam Air Force Base may begin using the Kuntz Gate Monday from 5:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. Both the inbound and outbound lanes will be open. Delivery trucks will continue to use the main gate. For more information contact Tech. Sgt. Robert Padar at 449-6641.

Court closure – The Hickam Fitness Center basketball court will be closed for resurfacing Monday through Nov. 28. The court is scheduled to reopen Nov. 29.

Road closure – A reduction in lanes on Vandenberg Boulevard near the baseball fields continues through Dec. 3. One lane at a time will be closed to run electrical lines across the road. This closure is necessary to facilitate the upgrade of electrical power to support the C-17 mission. Flagmen and signs will be used to prevent traffic confusion. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Robert Padar at 449-6614.

Office closures – The 15th Comptroller Squadron and the 15th Mission Support Squadron including the civilian personnel flight, base training and education flight, military personnel flight and the family support center, are closed Monday beginning at 1 p.m. for an official function, and Wednesday beginning at noon for a Thanksgiving break. For emergency assistance during these closures, con-

tact 1st Lt. James Lee at 232-5143 for the 15th CPTS and call 479-0002 for 15th MSS emergencies.

Town hall meeting – Roger Blanchard, Air Force assistant deputy chief of staff for personnel is conducting two Town Hall meetings: Nov. 29 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. and Nov. 30 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Memorial Theater. With the passage of the 2004 National Defense Authorization Act, the Department of Defense was given authority to establish a new human resources management system, the Nation Security Personnel System, that will create a new framework of rules, regulations and processes to govern the way civilians are hired, compensated, promoted and disciplined in DOD. All DOD civilians and their supervisors are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact the Labor and Employee Management Relations Section at 449-0144.

Top Three – The Hawaii Top Three meets Dec. 1 at 3 p.m. in the Tradewinds Enlisted Club. All senior non-commissioned officers are invited to attend. For more information, contact Senior Master Sgt. Jerry Lewis Jr. at 449-6311 or Master Sgt. Rhonda Elliott at 448-4605.

HOSC Breakfast – The Hickam Officers' Spouses Club is having breakfast with Santa Dec. 4. from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. on the Officer's Club Lanai. The buffet will be served from 8:30 to 9

a.m. and is limited to the first 150 HOSC members and their guests on a first-come, first-serve basis for reservations. Deadline for reservations and payment is Saturday. Club cards and checks will be accepted. The cost of the buffet is free for ages 3 and under, \$2.10 for children ages 4-6, \$4.30 for children ages 7-11 and \$8.65 for those age 12 and older.

For reservations contact Kathy Lepper at 422-4791 or KHLepper@aol.com. Payment may be mailed or dropped off at 202 7th Street, Honolulu HI 96818. Those making reservations should bring a wrapped book clearly marked with the child's name priced \$10 or under to the club Dec. 2 from 9 to 11 a.m.

Thrift Shop – The Hickam Thrift Shop will be open for sales and consignments Monday and for sales Wednesday. The shop closes Nov. 26 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The last day for consigning holiday items is Nov. 29. The Thrift Shop is located behind Tickets and Tours. Thrift Shop sales hours are Monday, Wednesday, Friday and the second Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Consignments are accepted Monday and Friday and the second Saturday of the month from 9 to 11 a.m. For more information, call 449-6603. the Hickam Thrift shop is a private organization. It is not part of the Department of Defense or any of its components and has no governmental status.

Around the Air Force



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Roche submits resignation

WASHINGTON – Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche announced his resignation Tuesday.

"I'm honored to have served the president, the secretary of defense and the terrific Airmen I've come to know and love in the past few years as the secretary of the Air Force," he said. "I've served with talented active, Guard, Reserve and civilian Airmen who are successfully countering new threats to our nation through their innovation and creativity. I'm proud to call myself an Airman."

Secretary Roche submitted his letter of resignation voluntarily. He left private industry to serve his country and the Air Force. He leaves the Air Force now so that his resignation may free-up nominations of Air Force general officers that have been on hold in Congress.

During his tenure, Secretary Roche spearheaded many initiatives to improve the quality of life for Airmen and the capabilities of the Air Force, such as increasing opportunities for master's degree programs for enlisted Airmen.

"Dr. Roche has led the Air Force through one of the most remarkable periods in our nation's history," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper.

"It has been my honor to serve side-by-side with him since the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. During his tenure he has made each and every Airman his priority. His unrelenting resolve to adapt our force, to counter new and resilient threats to our nation, has guaranteed America's Air Force remains the greatest in the world. His compassion for the sacrifices made by our Airmen and their families is known across the Air Force. Indeed, the men and women of the Air Force family will remember him as a leader, friend and, most of all, as an Airman." (Story by Tech. Sgt. David A. Jablonski, Air Force Print News)

AAFES helps servicemembers

DALLAS (AFPN) – With the holidays quickly approaching, many Americans are searching for ways to reach out to troops overseas. Anticipating a rush of mail from well-wishers, Department of Defense officials remind people that, "Due to security concerns and transportation constraints, the DOD no longer accepts items to be mailed to 'Any Servicemember.'"

They report some people have tried to avoid this prohibition by sending large numbers of packages to an individual servicemember's overseas address, which, DOD officials said, clogs the mail system. It also causes unnecessary delays in delivery, and military postal officials cannot guarantee delivery by a specific date because of processing constraints.

People wishing to send support to troops overseas



Exhausting work

Air Force Photo by Staff Sgt. Colette Bennett

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – Senior Airman Nick Hofmann inspects an F-15 Eagle exhaust system during William Tell 2004 here Nov. 10. Airman Hofmann is from the 493rd Fighter Squadron at Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England. This is the 50th anniversary of the William Tell competition that tests an aircrew's ability to perform under combat conditions.

have another option. The Army and Air Force Exchange Service's "Gifts from the Homefront" and "Help Our Troops Call Home" programs allow anyone to make a direct contribution toward the morale of deployed troops without increasing the strain on the military mail system.

"Gifts from the Homefront" certificates, which can be purchased by any individual, business or civic organization, allow troops to purchase items of necessity and convenience at exchange facilities worldwide including 51 supporting operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. (Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

Weapon joins Balad arsenal

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq (AFPN) – In an effort to keep pace with the ever-changing face of close quarters combat, F-16 Fighting Falcon crews here plan to use a new, lightweight satellite-guided munition soon.

The GBU-38 500-pound Joint Direct Attack Munition is designed to reduce collateral damage, limit unintended casualties and take the fight up close and personal to enemy insurgents and anti-Iraqi forces alike.

Although they will not be the first in theater to drop the newest JDAM in the U.S. arsenal, munitions specialists, maintainers and aircrews dedicated to keeping the bite of the 421st Expeditionary Fighter Squadron "Black Widows" lethal are saying, "Let's Roll."

As specialists and maintainers fine tune the basics to certify the GBU-38 on F-16s based here from Hill Air Force Base, Utah, elsewhere in the area, the new JDAM has already proven to be a thorn in the side of those who choose to impede the Iraqi reconstruction effort.

Two F-16s from an undisclosed location completed the first successful combat drop of GBU-38s on Oct. 4 during a precision strike on a confirmed Abu Musab al-Zarqawi terrorist meeting. The two released JDAMs precisely struck the terrorist hideout causing only minimal collateral damage.

"We're ready to go, and just waiting on the final steps in the approval process," said Senior Master Sgt. Douglas Baker, 332nd Expeditionary Equipment Maintenance Squadron munitions flight chief. "After receipt of our JDAM tail fin kits in late October, my munitions crew produced sufficient quantities of the new JDAM to support our mission requirements in only 24 hours." (Story by Master Sgt. David Reagan, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs)

Space assets important to winning war on terrorism

NEW YORK (AFPN) – Space-based assets are proving critical to winning the war on terrorism, according to the commander of Air Force Space Command.

"You cannot go to war and win without space," Gen. Lance W. Lord said during a live appearance on "Fox and Friends" here Nov. 11.

The command comprises about 40,000 space professionals who provide combat forces and capabilities to North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Strategic Command, supporting various operations worldwide.

Space allows precision attack on the battlefield, the general said, and has transformed the way American forces fight modern wars.

Precision-guided munitions using Global Positioning System satellites limit the exposure and vulnerability of forces while minimizing collateral damage and maximizing combat effectiveness, he said.

He said the command's Airmen are currently supporting warfighters on the ground in Fallujah, Iraq.

"We provide the navigation and the timing so that (the warfighters) can know exactly where they are -- and what the target coordinates are -- and (are) able to hit those with precision using space-based capabilities." (Story by Capt. Johnny Rea, Air Force Space Command Public Affairs)



Fishin' for fun at the FSC Keiki Fair

Photos by
Angela Elbern

By Robyn Endo
Hickam Family Support Center

The always popular moon-bounce, provided courtesy of 15th Services Squadron youth programs, was one of many featured attractions at the Hickam Family Support Center 6th Annual Keiki Fair Nov. 10.

In celebration of Military Family Month, the FSC hosted more than 150 Team Hickam family members, volunteers and helping agencies to recognize and appreciate the contributions and sacrifices made by the armed forces and their family members.

While the children created hand turkeys and dropped a line into a man-made watering hole, representatives from the FSC, Health and Wellness Center, Family Advocacy, 15th SVS, Tricare, and Women, Infants, and Children program were on hand to provide resources for parents and child care providers.

But the agencies were also on the receiving end of FSC assistance, according to Tech. Sgt. Demetra Turner, HAWC Health Promotions noncommis-

sioned officer in charge.

After running a little bit late due to long lines at the commissary, the FSC staff assisted right away in helping set up to feed the keiki, Sergeant Turner said.

"The children were able to build healthy snacks and pick the vegetables they wanted," she said.

Special guests included a visit by Sparky the Fire Dog and a team of fire prevention specialists who visited with families to speak on fire safety.

Attendees, including Joyce Kaminski, all agreed the event was filled with surprises.

"We really enjoyed ourselves and we were impressed with everything. The children had a great time," Ms. Kaminski said.

Even volunteers had an opportunity to benefit from the experience. Airman 1st Class Brandon Allen, 324th Intelligence Squadron, manned the beanbag toss game.

"It's great to be able to interact with kids from the community in a light and fun environment," Airman Allen said.

For more information on FSC programs, call the center at 449-0300.



Nina, 2, fishes with her dad, Tech. Sgt. Ken Gestring, Pacific Air Forces.



Family Support Center volunteer Master Sgt. Todd Montgomery watches the hoops style of Heather Franklin, 5.



Top: Natalie Fairbanks, 2, really wants to see what's being painted on her cheek by Airman 1st Class Renee Vaughn, 324th Intelligence Squadron. Natalie's mom Jessica watches.

Left: Clockwise from left Staff Sgt. Matthew Cates, Pacific Air Forces, Patsy Torres, Life Skills Flight, help Maddelena Martello, 3, Aeka Lauderdale, 4, mom Noriko and Han Vu, 3, make hand 'turkeys.'



Catcher Tatiana Harshbarger, 5, has a hard time handling the wicked curve ball of Alden Rose, 7, during sports play Nov. 11.

Home and away *Kidsports offers artistic, athletic outlets for Team Hickam's home-schooled keiki*

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey
Kukini Managing Editor

Dozens of eyes glued to the clock in the front of the classroom, their collective conscience willing the final tick to start recess. Geneva-convention worthy negotiations taking place in the cafeteria, each child trying to get the best of their classmates lunch tray treasures.

These are but a few of the scenarios taking place daily at Nimitz Elementary, where interpersonal skills and peer relationship building are a natural student byproduct of the structured school environment.

They're experiences not easily afforded Hickam's home-schooled.

Enter Kidsports and the Home School Fit Program, a weekly class designed to bring together keiki who attend class just down the hall from their bedroom.

The Home-School Fit Program is an excellent

opportunity for the children to interact with peers and experience the structure of a classroom setting under the instruction of a competent staff, said B.J. Bentley Kidsports' Sports director.

"Parents are able to relax and have peace of mind their children are a part of a program in which they learn important skills that will help them as they develop while building self-confidence," Mrs. Bentley said.

The program is proving to be a huge success, she said, because the enrolled families take an active part in setting the course curriculum.

They continually bring new ideas and opportunities helping the staff further create a positive learning environment, she continued.

"The children come each week with a big smile anxious to start class," the director added.

For one parent, the brightly-decorated, colorful play area is a huge part of the experience.

Everybody loves Kidsports," said Loretta Simkins, mother of 5-year-old program mainstay

Warren. "It's like a candy shop for fitness."

For Warren, the art portion of the day is also worth mentioning.

"Making the kaleidoscopes was really cool," he said.

Currently, the Home-School Program has 14 children enrolled with room for more, Mrs. Bentley said. Classes are just under two hours every Tuesday afternoon.

The cost for each two-month session, \$60, is a small price to pay for the rewards received, she said.

The class provides an opportunity for Hickam's home-schooled children to participate in art activities and receive instruction in sports and fitness, she added. "Emphasis on sportsmanship and teamwork are vital components of instruction motivating children to explore and build on their existing skills," she concluded.

For more information on Kidsports' programs, call Mrs. Bentley at 448-6611.



Top: Warren Simkins, 5, takes aim at the ball Nov. 11
Right: From left classmates AJ Colkitt, 8, Brooke Colkitt, 6, Tatiana Harshbarger, 5, and Emily Sarah Weeks, 8, start an art project with instructor Amanda Uphoff.

Photos by Angela Elbern





Coming in 2005! Jr. Wrestling

The Hickam Youth Sports Program is planning a new Junior Wrestling Program for 2005 for youth ages 5-12 years old. More information regarding this program can be obtained by calling Youth Sports Director B.J. Bentley at 448-4492.



Surf Taxi takes you there!

Need a lift? The new Hickam Outdoor Recreation Surf Taxi Service is available daily from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Hickam Harbor.

The taxi takes you and your board to and from the surf at Hickam Harbor and costs just \$5. Reservations are not required and walk-ins are welcome.

Turkey Toss at Pool #2

Ready to Toss the Turkey? Outdoor Recreation has created a unique new event to see who can toss a frozen turkey the farthest into Pool #2.

The contest will take place on Saturday, Nov. 20 beginning at 10 a.m. with several age divisions. There will also be a 'Slippery Turkey' Contest. The cost is \$2 per person and don't forget your camera!



Hawaiian Crafts Class offered by Outdoor Recreation

Another new program offered by Outdoor Recreation is Uncle Leo's Hawaiian Creations craft class to be held on Sunday, Nov. 28 at Hickam Harbor, Bldg 3455 starting at 2 p.m.

Uncle Leo will teach participants how to make Hawaiian style palm hats, bowls and baskets. This is a great class for all ages and costs just \$10 per person.

Call the Outdoor Recreation office at 449-5215 for more information.

Interested in becoming a Child Care Provider?

Applicants must be base residents, 18 yrs old, be a high school grad, able to read and write English and pass a security check. A pre-licensing briefing is held on the first Thursday of each month from 5-6 p.m. at the Family Child Care Office located adjacent to the Auto Resale Lot in Bldg. 2116. Call FCC at 449-1879 for information.

Persons caring for other families' children a total of 10 hours or more per week on base must be licensed.

Services needs your input!

If you receive the annual Air Force Customer Feedback Survey in the mail, let your opinions be known. Please fill out the survey and send it in using the envelope provided.

Your responses make a difference in the programs offered to you, your family and the Hickam base community.

Christmas Scuba Sale

The Hickam Dive Center, located at Pool #1 adjacent to the Fitness & Sports Center, is hosting a huge Christmas Sale from Friday, Dec. 3 to Sunday, Dec. 5 from 3 to 6 p.m. each day.

Featured are BCD, Regulator, Octopus & Gauge Packages; Cobra, Phantom and Magnum BCDs; Scuba Gear Snorkel Packages and Gift Certificates. Call 423-8222 for more information.

Calling all craft instructors

The Hickam Skills Development Arts & Crafts Center is looking for new contract instructors in all areas of arts and crafts, automotive and woodworking. You can even schedule your own days and working hours. For more information on current opportunities, contact Pat Dugdale at 449-1568, Ext. 102.

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Turkey Shoot 8-Ball Tourney

The Community Center is hosting a Turkey Shoot 8-Ball Pool Tournament for tomorrow (Nov. 20) at the Center. The double elimination competition starts at 10:30 a.m. Call 449-3354 for more information.

Children's Storytime

The Hickam Library will conduct its final Children's Storytime of the month on Wednesday, Nov. 24. Storytime will be conducted at 9:30 a.m. and all children are welcome.

Learn to surf with Services

The Hickam Outdoor Recreation Center is offering its new 'Learn to Surf' class on Saturday, Nov. 27.

Participants will meet at the Hickam Harbor office and then be transported to the beach for three hours of basic surfing instruction. Prospective surfers must be able to swim without a life jacket.

This class is extremely popular so book early. The \$30 fee includes surf board rental, round trip transportation and instruction.



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Thanksgiving Feast to Go!

NOW ON SALE!



'Feast to Go' on sale at both Clubs and includes a fully prepared turkey (12-14 lbs.), sage dressing, giblet gravy, cranberry, rolls and pumpkin pie. Feast serves six.

Pick up is on Thanksgiving Day from 9 a.m. - 12 noon in the J.R. Rockers Lanai. Cost is \$51.95. \$2 Club member discount.

Call 448-4608 to order your Feast to Go!

Thanksgiving Day Buffets

Enjoy Thanksgiving Day with your family at your Hickam Clubs with a seemingly endless list of fine entrees, salads, desserts and beverages just begging to make your holiday great! Tickets are now on sale for just \$18.95 per person with club Members receiving a \$2 discount. This is a reservations only event so tickets must be purchased prior to November 25. Call 449-1292 for details.



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AF CLUBS MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN CLOSING PARTY

SOCK HOP TONIGHT!

New Enlisted Club members will be honored tonight (Nov. 19) at the closing party of the Annual AF Club Drive. And it's not too late to enjoy this adult event as a Club member. Join now for a chance to win \$3,000 cash, 6 months free dues and other bonuses.

Dinner buffet begins at 6 p.m., dancing at 7:30. Members free. Spouse or one guest is just \$5.95.

Turkey Shoots at Mamala Bay Golf Course

Two 18-hole Turkey Shoots will be held this weekend (Nov. 20-21) at Mamala Bay Golf Course. Net and gross prizes will be awarded based on the number of entries, according to Tom Stanfill, Course Manager. Entry fee each day will be \$3. Drop by for some pre-holiday competition.

Tops in Blue coming Dec. 15

The world famous Air Force entertainment troop, Tops in Blue' will perform at Hickam AFB on Wednesday, Dec. 15 at 7:30 p.m., according to Doug Clark of the Community Center. This year's show is titled "Musicology" and features the best active duty Air Force entertainers.

NOTICE FROM THE HICKAM CLUBS

Aloha Club Members,

Your generous support in the form of Club dues enables us to continue the proud tradition of Air Force Clubs. We ask for your continued support as we raise fees this coming January to cover costs associated with recent facility renovations (\$9.5 million Enlisted Club & J.R. Rockers and \$1 million Wilbur & Orville's Wright Bros. Café & Grille renovation), cost of living wage increases and supply increases.

Your Club stands ready to serve, ready to be a good steward of your membership dues and ready to be proactive in delivering the products and programs you desire.

Mahalo Club Members!



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	CURRENT DUES	DUES INCREASE
Hickam Officers' Club (Active Duty/Retirees)	\$18	\$20
(Retirees over 65)	\$ 8	\$ 9
Hickam Enlisted Club (Active Duty/Retirees)	\$10	\$12
(Retirees over 65)	\$ 5	\$ 6



Crossword puzzle: Air Force Mobility Command in depth

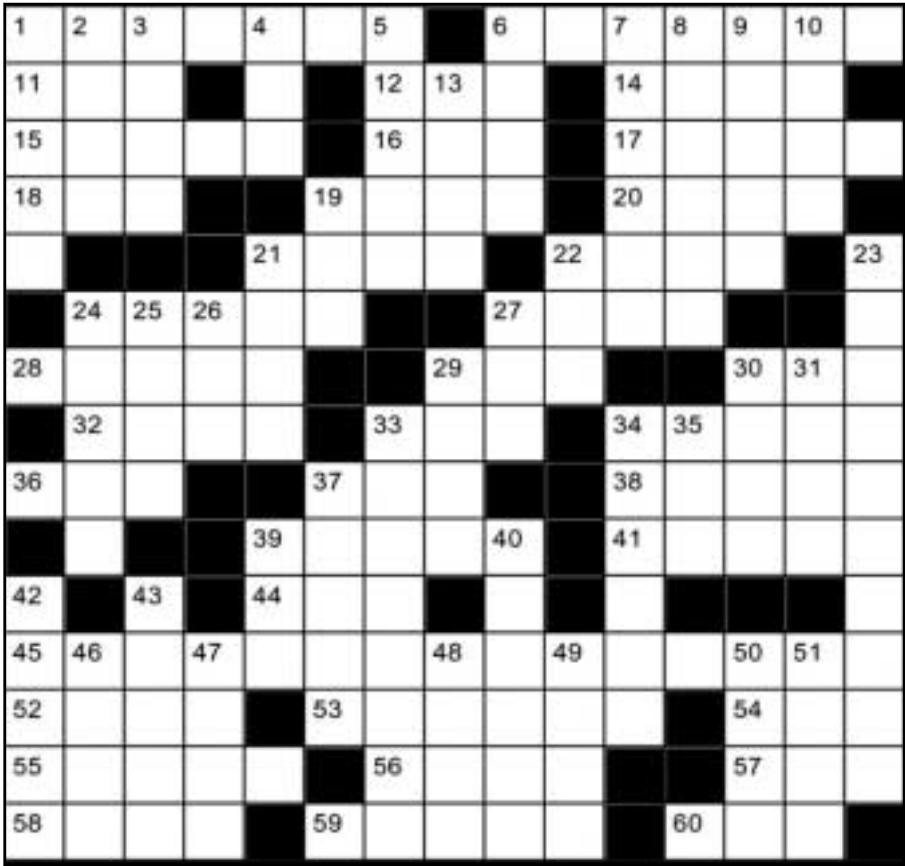
By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

ACROSS

- 1. AFMC base
- 6. AFMC base
- 11. Bar code
- 12. Sly ___ fox
- 14. Rest or disaster
- 15. German word of ownership
- 16. Tree type
- 17. Various small, biting, two-winged flies
- 18. Commercials
- 19. AFMC base
- 20. Point on stem where a leaf is attached
- 21. Edible part, as of piece of fruit or nut
- 22. Depend on
- 24. ___ Air Logistics Center; AFMC mission at 19
- 27. Armor piece used to protect or ornament horse
- 28. AFMC base
- 29. Tree type
- 30. Wonder inspired by authority
- 32. Tear apart
- 33. Secretly keep watch on another
- 34. Type of water?
- 36. Golf prop
- 37. Best pilot
- 38. Bungling or clumsy
- 39. Woodwind instruments
- 41. More recent
- 44. ___ Father, who art in Heaven...
- 45. AFMC base
- 52. Ireland, formerly
- 53. Kitchen utensil
- 54. The Greatest
- 55. Large African antelope
- 56. Mining goals
- 57. Air Force Safety Center magazine Road & ___
- 58. Soccer star
- 59. Very small island
- 60. Chinese Communist Party founder Zedong

DOWN

- 1. 311 ___ Systems Wing; AFMC mission at Brooks
- 2. Mocked
- 3. Navy equivalent to AFOSI
- 4. Passing grade
- 5. Secret criminal organization in Sicily
- 6. British nobleman next in rank above viscount
- 7. German composer
- 8. AFMC base
- 9. Prepared
- 10. Sweet, edible, oblong or oval of fruit
- 13. Particles between sand and clay in size
- 19. Female chick
- 21. Make repairs or restoration
- 22. Zodiac animal
- 23. ___ Systems Command; AFMC mission at 1 ACROSS
- 24. "Lord of the Rings" creatures
- 25. Type of club?
- 26. Jumble of loud, usually discordant sounds
- 27. American poet, father of "men's movement"
- 29. Fencing sword
- 30. Again
- 31. Lightly rub
- 33. Zodiac signs
- 34. AFMC base
- 35. Operation begun Sept. 11, in short
- 37. Borders on
- 39. ___ and aah
- 40. A long wooden bench with a back



- 42. Clean or clear
- 43. Type of infection
- 46. Stir to anger
- 47. Kiss member Simmons
- 48. AFMC mission conducted through these labs, in short
- 49. Flight mission accomplished at 6 ACROSS
- 50. Poet Teasdale
- 51. Margarine

See SOLUTION on Page 28

Team Hickam History

The Air Force's most historic airfield



of mourning, many activities (such as band performances) were cancelled.

Nov. 20, 1977 – The new Hickam Chapel was dedicated in Area 61, on Kuntz Avenue across from the new dormitories. Chaplain, Major General Henry J. Meade, Chief of

Chaplains, USAF, delivered the dedicatory address.

Nov. 22, 1935 – The first trans-Pacific airmail flight took off from San Francisco to Honolulu, Midway, Wake, Guam, and Manila, in Martin China Clipper piloted by Capt. Edwin Musick of Pan American Airways.

Nov. 20, 1940 – The 15th Pursuit Group (Fighter), forerunner to the 15th Airlift Wing, was constituted.

Nov. 22, 1940 – The 15th Pursuit Group (Fighter) was established.

Nov. 19, 1943 – The 25th Air Support Operations Squadron (then-25th Liaison Squadron) was stationed in Sydney, Australia, and attached to the 71st Reconnaissance Group (circa Nov. 19 - Dec. 12, 1943).

Nov. 24, 1943 - Jan. 23, 1944 – The 25th Air Support Operations Squadron (then-25th Liaison Squadron) was stationed in Brisbane, Australia, and assigned to V Bomber Command.

Nov. 19, 1944 - March 15, 1946 – The 15th Logistics Group (then-15th Air Depot Group) was stationed at Tacloban (Leyte), Philippine Islands.

Nov. 25, 1945 – The 15th Fighter Group was stationed at Bellows Field, Territory of Hawaii. The 15th Fighter Group was assigned to Pacific Air Command, US Army. Colonel Oswald Lunde took command of the group on this date.

Nov. 21, 1961 – Lt. Gen. Chung Hee Park, Chairman of the Supreme Council for National Reconstruction, Republic of Korea, was given suitable honors upon his arrival at Hickam.

Nov. 22, 1963 – Following the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, there was a military formation on the Hickam mall and a flight of F-102 aircraft in the "missing man" formation. During a 30-day period

Nov. 23, 1982 – Hurricane Iwa struck Hawaii, causing extensive damage on the islands of Kauai and Oahu, which were later declared disaster areas. Total damage was estimated at \$308 million state-wide. Of this amount Air Force losses totaled approximately \$3,325,000 (primarily damage to structures and trees).

Nov. 22, 1985 – The new Hickam Child Development Center opened.

Nov. 23, 1985 – Air Force personnel turned out in force for the football game between the Air Force Academy and the University of Hawaii at Aloha Stadium.

Nov. 23-28, 1989 – The final space shuttle flight of the year was a classified mission (STS-33 on the orbiter Discovery) and the first to be supported by Hickam as an augmented emergency landing site.

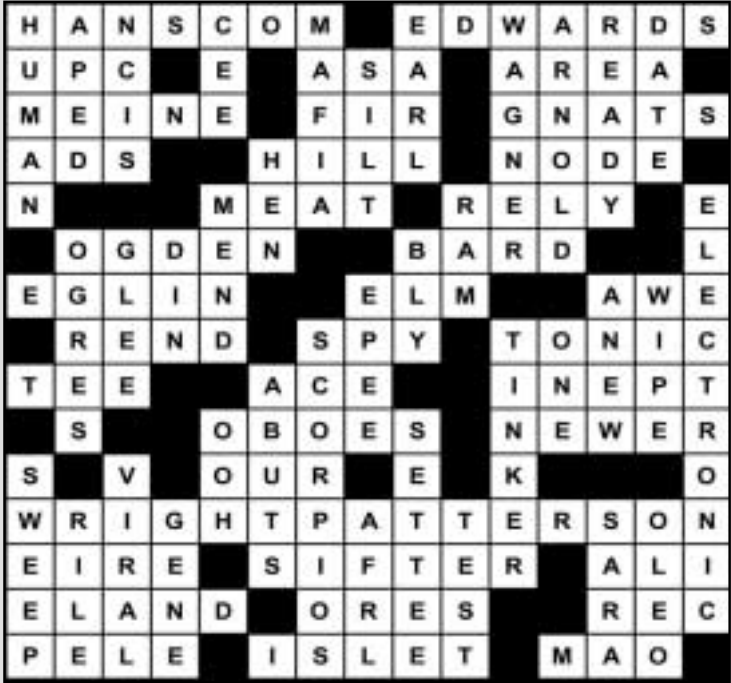
Nov. 20, 2002 – SECAF Dr. James Roche began his first tour of the Pacific with a visit to Hickam. Dr. Roche presented Lt. Col. Donald Derry, 15th Security Forces Squadron commander, with a Bronze Star for his leadership while serving as 376th Air Expeditionary Wing in Kyrgyzstan.

Nov. 19, 2003 – Members of Team Hickam completed the 2003 Combined Federal Campaign with a total contribution of \$435,743.00.

Nov. 22, 2003 – Members of Hickam and the 15th Airlift Wing observed a Makahiki ceremony at Hickam Harbor. The ceremony was conducted in the Hawaiian language, and displayed pre-Western ancient Hawaiian Makahiki traditions, gift presentations, dancing, and traditional game demonstrations.

AFMC in depth

This week's crossword answers



Chapel

Editor's note: For more information on chapel services call the Chapel Center at 449-1754 or Nelles Chapel at 449-6562.

Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor – 473-0050
Jewish Lay Leader – Mr. David Bender – 527-5877

Thanksgiving services:
A multi-faith Thanksgiving service Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Nelles Chapel.
A Catholic Thanksgiving Day Mass is scheduled for Thursday at 10 a.m. in the Chapel Center.

Catholic

Nelles Chapel
Weekday Mass – 11:30 a.m.
Saturday confessions – 4:15 p.m.
Saturday Mass – 5 p.m.
Chapel Center
Sunday Mass – 10 a.m.

Protestant

Nelles Chapel
Sunday contemporary service – 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Gospel Worship – 11:15 a.m.
Sunday Praise Gathering – 5:30 p.m.

Other

Islamic – Friday congregational service (1935 Aleo Place, Punahou) – 1 p.m.
Buddhist – Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin A Shin Buddhist Temple – 536-7044.

Jewish

At the Movies

Today, Saturday and Sunday - 7 p.m.

“Friday Night Lights” – Based on the book about high school football by H.G. Bissinger, Friday Night Lights chronicles the entire 1988 season of the Permian High Panthers of Odessa, Texas, with football players, coaches, mothers, fathers, boosters, fans and families struggling with on-going personal conflicts while the team fights for a state championship.
Starring Billy Bob Thornton and Derek Luke. Rated PG-13 (thematic issues/sexual content/language, some teen drinking/rough sports action).

Saturday - 2 p.m.

“Shark Tale” – The sea underworld is shaken up when the son of the shark mob boss is found dead and a young fish named Oscar is found at the scene. Oscar takes advantage of the situation and makes himself look like he killed the finned mobster. Animated. Rated PG (mild language and crude humor).

Wednesday - 7 p.m.

“Taxi” – Belle, a talented New York City cab driver is asked to partner with police officer Washburn the worst driver on the NYPD. Her skills behind the wheel and souped-up car help Washburn pursue a gang of female bank robbers. Rated PG-13 (language, sensuality and brief violence).

Nov. 26, 27 and 28 - 7 p.m.

“Team America: World Police” – Team America follows an international police force dedicated to maintaining global stability. Learning that power hungry dictator Kim Jong II is out to destroy the world, the team recruits Broadway star Gary Johnston to go undercover. With the help of Team America, Gary manages to slip into an arms dealer’s hideout to uncover the plan to destroy the world. All the while they are developing close relationships that lead to love, jealousy, and betrayal. Rated R (graphic crude and sexual humor, violent images and strong language).

Team Hickam Pick 'Em

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Team Roster	49ers vs Bucs	Cards vs Panthers	Falcons vs. Giants	Packers vs. Texans	Patriots vs. Chiefs	RECORDS	
						Last week	To date
Col. Ray Torres 15th AW/CC	Bucs	Panthers	Giants	Packers	Patriots	2-3	25-25
Lt. Col. Denise Hollywood 15th SVS/CC	49ers	Cards	Giants	Packers	Patriots	2-3	23-27
Capt. Nate Chine Det. 1, 15 MSG/CC	Bucs	Panthers	Falcons	Texans	Chiefs	2-3	31-19
Chief Master Sgt. Glenn Bernier PACAF/SVS	Bucs	Cards	Falcons	Packers	Patriots	3-2	33-17
Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey 15th AW/PAI	Bucs	Panthers	Falcons	Texans	Patriots	3-2	26-24
Staff Sgt. Toni Schmidt 15th CONS/LGVCZ	Bucs	Panthers	Falcons	Packers	Patriots	4-1	29-21



TEAM HICKAM NFL CHALLENGE



15th MDG overcomes HIANG

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The Hawaii Air National Guard football team has a way of pouncing on teams, and it looked like Tuesday night was going to be no different.

After receiving the opening kick-off, the 15th MDG promptly threw their offense into reverse, committing three penalties forcing a punt that trickled just past their original line of scrimmage.

HIANG Quarterback Richard 'Pocho' Costa got their offensive party started quickly, making a 12-yard run for a first down. A first down pass to Keoki 'Gump' Lorenzo was sandwiched between to short passes to Carson 'Bull' Peapealalo, setting up first and goal.

The ten-minute drive was capped with a touchdown pass from Costa to Mike Buenida. Extra point failed leaving HIANG up 6-0.

the MDG started their next possession with a 1st down completion from quarterback Danny Jennings to 'Lil' Mark Ratliff.

Another first down completion to William Gill signaled the end of the MDG offense for the half. Pomai 'Prime Time' Kalama intercepted Jennings next pass at midfield with 43 seconds left on the clock.

It looked like HIANG was going to extend their lead on the very next play, but a second touchdown pass from Costa to Buenida was called back thanks to a holding penalty. HIANG had first and goal with 21 ticks left before the medic's Mark Turner intercepted a pass to end the half.

"Coach, we need to run the ball, they know we're passing on every down," a MDG player intoned at half-time.

Fifteen words that would pay off handsomely in the second half, but not before HIANG had the first offensive opportunity.

Lorenzo took the kickoff 20 yards,



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15th Medical Group Quarterback Danny Jennings runs for a first down during second half action Tuesday night.

and Costa rocketed the ball to Buendia for another 20 on the first play of the half. Another pass attempt, to Mike 'Da Man' Samson, was incomplete, but only because MDG defender Turner mugged him, setting up first and goal three minutes into the half.

With the HIANG offense stalled, MDG defense came up with a huge block of a field goal attempt to keep the score 6-0.

On the medic's first offensive play, Jennings heeded that halftime advice, scampering to his left for 15 yards but more importantly forcing the defense to stay closer to the line. Jennings then hit Gill over the middle for a first down followed by a quick slant to Treydell Gathers, who out-legged the defender for another first down.

Marcus 'Scooby' Lindsey brought down Jennings next pass for a first and goal at the one yard line before Gill juggled then caught a pass for MDG's first

score. A missed extra point left the team's knotted at six.

HIANG started moving the ball before Gathers went way up to intercept an errant pass, giving the MDG the ball and six minutes of game clock.

It was De Ja QB as Jennings ran for 10 yards on first down, then almost gave the ball back on near interceptions the next two plays. On fourth and long, Jennings hit Gathers with an even longer pass, setting up first and goal. Jennings went back to his favorite TD target, hitting Gill for his second score of the night. Another missed extra point left MDG up 12-6 at the two-minute warning.

HIANG wasn't done for the night.

Costa hit Samson across the middle for a first down before two near-interceptions of his own. On fourth and the ball game, Costa connected with Kalama for a first down, but HIANG was battling a second opponent, hav-

ing only 91 ticks remaining on the continuous game clock.

Costa hit Scott 'All Day' Lee for a first and goal, but the clock had whittled down to 34 seconds before the next snap.

Costa rolled to his left, but the rain-soaked ball slipped from his hand, ending the play before it got started. HIANG couldn't line-up and get another play in motion before the clock expired with MDG holding a six-point margin.

It was their second victory this year over the Guard, and is further evidence a team that works together can accomplish anything, according to Jeremy 'Fish' Fisher, MDG coach.

"Talent from last year and a few new recruits helped turn us from a 2-12 team last year to a 9-0 team this year," Fischer said. "We're willing to compromise with each other and the results have been amazing."



Top: 15th MDG defenders block a HIANG field goal attempt early in the second half to keep the HIANG team from extending their shut-out lead to nine points.

Right: 15th MDG player Treydell Gathers returns an interception with six minutes remaining in the game, setting MDG up for their game-winning drive.

